

U.S. Application Serial No. 10/733,206
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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONS

Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following amended paragraph:

[0025] As shown in ~~Figure 2~~ Figure 3, the temporary power box 54 has a cover 55 to protect the outlet inside from the elements. Where appropriate, a notice in the form of a printed sticker is preferably placed upon the outside of the cover, requiring the temporary box 54 to be removed before a gas meter 17 is installed on the gas meter mounting plate 31. A similar notice is preferable placed upon the gas meter mounting plate. Thus, in areas where regulations consider the power box 54 to be a source of ignition, the installation of the meter 17 to be delayed until electric service is available within the dwelling, typically after the dwelling has been framed. At this point when heat (gas utility) would be most needed for interior work, electric service is typically available in the dwelling. Thus, the temporary box 54 can be removed and the gas meter 17 installed. Preferably, the gas and electric lines (and phone and cable lines) were installed in the same trench, and the gas line capped at the pedestal. Thus, the gas meter can be easily installed and gas utility service provided essentially on demand. In areas where an electric meter is considered and ignition source or if it is desirable to continue to use the temporary power box along with gas services, the plate 31 can be configured to extend away from the pipe 14 to create the spacing required by regulation (typically 3').